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Evans(57) **ABSTRACT**

According to the subject invention, dispersible dry powder  
pharmaceutical-based compositions are provided, including  
methods for their manufacture and dry powder dispersion  
devices. A dispersible dry powder pharmaceutical-based  
composition is one having a moisture content of less than  
about 10% by weight (% w) water, usually below about 5%  
w and preferably less than about 3% w; a particle size of  
about 1.0–5.0  $\mu$ m mass median diameter (MMD), usually  
1.0–4.0  $\mu$ m MMD, and preferably 1.0–3.0  $\mu$ m MMD; a  
delivered dose of about >30%, usually >40%, preferably  
>50%, and most preferred >60%; and an aerosol particle size  
distribution of about 1.0–5.0  $\mu$ m mass median aerodynamic  
diameter (MMAD), usually 1.5–4.5  $\mu$ m MMAD, and pref-  
erably 1.5–4.0  $\mu$ m MMAD. Such compositions are of phar-  
maceutical grade purity.

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